

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND 3511 NW 91ST AVENUE MIAMI, FL 33172-1217

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USSOUTHCOM NONTACTICAL RADIO SYSTEM

- 1. PURPOSE. To prescribe policies, responsibilities, and procedures for the operation and maintenance of the United States Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) Nontactical Radio (NTR) System.
- 2. SCOPE. This directive applies to Headquarters (HQ) USSOUTHCOM and other United States government agencies included in the USSOUTHCOM NTR System.
- 3. GENERAL. The USSOUTHCOM NTR system provides multiple (VHF) secure/non-secure radio channels consisting of a fixed desktop control station and handheld radios supporting DOD police, Protocol, Base Operations Commander, and any contingency requirements. The system and individual radios are programmed to be interchangeable to meet USSOUTHCOM requirements. Programming service has been coordinated with the Metro-Dade County Information Technology Department. This programming flexibility enables USSOUTHCOM elements to maintain coverage throughout Dade County while allowing access to key police, fire/rescue, and other state agencies.
- 4. POLICY. Only authorized users are permitted to operate on the designated USSOUTHCOM NTR nets. DOD police, Protocol, HQ Commandant, and other authorized users will operate only on their respective nets unless specific requirements mandate otherwise. Radios will not be reprogrammed for any other frequency or requirements without first being authorized by the USSOUTHCOM SCJ63. Report all unauthorized transmissions by unknown stations to the SCJ63. All equipment must be Digital Encryption Standard (DES) capable. Although DES is not approved for "classified" traffic, it does provide for voice security.
- 5. RESPONSIBILITIES. The Director J6 has overall responsibility for all Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information (C4I) support systems for USSOUTHCOM. Daily responsibility for the management and approval of additional NTR users (temporary or permanent) is delegated to the SCJ63. The individual responsibilities for various functions or users are as follows:
- a. The Army Signal Activity will coordinate funding for contract renewals and emergency or routine NTR additions as required.

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b. The Army Signal Activity (ASA) will hold the equipment hand receipt and manage the NTR system by coordinating logistical support (programming and repairs) with contracted vendors. Also, the ASA will publish a Memorandum of Instruction and provide operational training to operators as necessary. The POC for the USSOUTHCOM NTR system is the ASA Operations Division.

c. The DOD police, Protocol, Base Operations Commander and temporary operators will maintain positive control of the NTRs assigned to them and operate them within the provisions outlined in paragraph 6 below.

6. OPERATING PROCEDURES.

a. Use pre-allocated frequency groups as defined below:

(1) USSOUTHCOM 1D Conference administration/logistics, miscellaneous (Army Signal Activity, Property Book Office, Base

Operations Commander, other)

(2) USSOUTHCOM 2D Protocol support

(3) USSOUTHCOM 1A DoD Police alternate channel

(4) USSOUTHCOM 2A DoD Police primary channel

- b. The NTRs are also programmed with Metro-Dade "TALK GROUPS" that are used upon activation of the Metro-Dade Emergency Operations Center (EOC). If USSOUTHCOM is involved in a local emergency and is working with the Metro-Dade EOC, the Metro-Dade Information Technology Department will provide Talk Group information to USSOUTHCOM as it becomes available.
- c. When using the NTRs, all operators must maintain strict adherence to the following:
- (1) Operate only on assigned channels unless specifically authorized to do otherwise.
 - (2) All communications will be For Official Use Only.
- (3) Administration of radio call signs will be the responsibility of the individual user elements.
- 7. MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES. USSOUTHCOM uses two types of contracted maintenance support, programming and repair. The following contracts are in place at this time:
 - a. Programming Metro-Dade Information Technology Department 6010 SW 87 Ave.

 Miami, Fl 33173

 (305)596-8909

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b. Repairs -

Cooper General

175 Fontainebleau Blvd., Suite 1-K

Miami, Fl 33172 (305)223-6399

Note: NTR operators requiring maintenance support should contact the ASA for the coordination or validation of any necessary maintenance action.

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